on the Project is mainly for creation of infrastructure facilities, which cannot be considered as loss to the Madhya Pradesh State Government.

Shortage of power

2091. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the "Hindustan Times" dated 19th October, 1988 captioned 'Power generation below target';

(b) if so, what is the gap between the demand and supply for the current year; and

(c) what steps are being taken to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of estimated power supply position during 1988-89 and Actual Power supply position during April-October, 1988 in the country is as under:—

(Figures in MU)

	1988-89 (estimated)	April, 1988 to Oct., 1988 (Actual)
Requirement .	229000	125415
Availability .	209.70	115405
Shortage . .	19930	10010
% Shortage .	8.7	8.0

(c) The measures being taken to improve the availability of power include expediting commissioning of new generation capacity implementation of short gestation projects, improving the performance of existing powere stations, reducing transmission and distribution losses, implementation of demand management and energy conservation measures and arranging transfer of energy from surplus to deficit areas.

STD Facilities in Madhya Pradesh

2092. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any demand for extending the S.T.D. facilities to a few more places of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; to?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) Subscribers of almost all the exchanges have demanded the provision of S.T.D. facility. However, due to limited resources, a number of priority stations like District Headquarters have not yet been provided with S.T.D. facility. Other stations could be considered after priority requirements are met and adequate resources become available.

New Telephone connections in Madhya Pradesh

2093. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no new telephone connections are readily available in all the major cities of Madhya Pradesh especially in Raipur, Indore, Jabalpur, Bhopal and Gwalior; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to improve the position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a)and (b) No, Sir. However, plans already exist for expansion of telecommunication facilities in Madhya Pradesh as per objectives of the Seventh Five Year Plan. The details are:—

(I) In the current year 1988-89 following numbers of new telephone connec-

tions were given at these major cities upto 30.9.88 besides other places in Madhya Pradesh:

(i) Indore-950 (ii) Jabalpur-180 (iii) Raipur-51 (iv) Gwalior-90 (v) Bhopal-46.

(II) For release of further new telephone connections at these places, plans for expanding the existing exchange capacities are as follows:—

Station	Type of Equipment	Expansion during 1988-89 (lines)	Expansion during 1989-90 (Lines)
(i) Indore	E-10 B	..	10,000
(ii) Jabalpur	X-Bar	500	..
(iii) Gwalior	X-Bar	..	6,000
(iv) Bhopal	E-10 B	4,000	4,000
(v) Raipur	E-10 B	..	6,000
(vi) Raipur	Strowger	300	..

Crisis in the ITI Palghat

2094. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the "Indian Express" of 6th November, 1988 wherein it has been stated that Palghat Unit of public sector Indian Telephone Industries is in doldrums following the recent decision to locate the production of digital electronic integrated local and trunk exchange;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to avoid the crisis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) Indian Telephone Industries has no plans to re-locate the production of digital electronic integrated local and trunk exchanges from Palghat and will continue to manufacture these exchanges to the capacity foreseen in the project.

Public call offices in the rural areas

2095. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the State-wise number of local and long distance public call offices to be installed in the rural areas during the remaining period of Seventh Plan so as to provide adequate telecommunication facilities in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): Details of the targets for opening LDPTs in the rural areas statewise is given in the enclosed statement (*See* below) No target for opening of local PCOs in rural areas are fixed. However, when an LDPT working in a rural area is converted into an exchange, LDPT working there is generally converted into a local PCO.

Statement

Circle/State	Target for 1988-90
Andhra Pradesh	31
Assam	150
Bihar	600
Gujarat	280
Haryana	160
Himachal Pradesh	120
Jammu & Kashmir	140
Karnataka	340
Kerala	11
Madhya Pradesh	740
Maharashtra	670
North East :	
Arunachal Pradesh	20